



BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



BPD Weekly Update

Sergeant Renfo - Impacting Lives

Last month, we had a nice reminder of the positive impact officers frequently have on people's lives. A woman named Shawna gave us permission to share her letter to Sergeant Billy Renfro, who provided a needed reference for the woman when she was trying to get into drug court:

Sgt. Renfro:

Hello! I hope this finds you well! Today, I am 18 months clean, and I suppose it's become a tradition for me to reach out to you on these milestones! Life is going really well! I am working full-time in the program office at _____, and I am starting to work in fundraising and grant writing. I even have a business card. How crazy is that? Lol I moved...into my own apartment, just me and my son. In October, I graduate from Drug Court. All of this wouldn't have been possible without you. You took time out of your life to consider my request and then vouched for me. You didn't have to do that, but what a difference you have made. I am so thankful for this life I have. I will pay every good thing that comes my way forward to ensure that your compassionate action has a lasting ripple effect for years to come.

Shawna

Welfare Check Ends Well...Kinda

A man and his wife decided to go to his mother's residence to check on her. When they got there, they discovered the television was on, but no one came to the door. Worried, the son knocked on the door and called the mom's phone for the next three hours. Fearing the worst and deciding they better try something else, the son called 911. When police arrived on scene, they learned that the mother had heart issues. The hospital was checked, but the mother was not there. Hoping the woman was simply visiting friends, officers canvassed the neighbors but failed to turn up mom. [Note: We get these calls frequently. Many times, the worst fears are confirmed and the coroner is called in. On rare occasions, we find an elderly person has fallen and can't get up. They are grateful that help has arrived. Not this time.] Operating under the exigent circumstances doctrine, Officer Corey Dittmer forced the door open. Mom was in the living room...very much alive, awake and very put out that the police were in her house. After extensive venting, mom made it clear she did not ask for help, did not need assistance, did not want to answer her phone, and did not want to answer knocks at the door. What she wanted is for everyone to leave - especially her son. Message received and have a nice rest of the evening. [Sergeant Todd Byers]

Magic Cards vs Magic Officers

A man and woman stole about \$11,000 worth of Magic Cards (No, that is not a typo.) from a local game store. The theft was caught on security cameras. The owner called all the other game shops in the area and discovered the suspects had tried to sell the cards at another gaming store. Since this store was aware the cards were stolen, they told the suspects to bring the cards down and they would buy them. They promptly called the police to set up a sting. The bad folks showed up. When the clerk

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took the cards, the female felt uncomfortable and went outside. Once clear of the store, she and the male fled in opposite directions. The female suspect was nabbed by Officer Alex George. The card thief admitted her crimes and agreed to cooperate. She texted the male suspect, who disclosed he had hidden the cards in a bush by the old KPS building. They agreed to meet at Burger King. The male walked up to Burger King, wearing the same clothes he was wearing during the theft, and was magically taken into custody by Officer George. Officer George interviewed the male and he admitted stealing the cards. It appears Officer George had the "Black Lotus card" (Yes, I looked it up.) when it comes to card thieves. [Sergeant Tim Garrity]

You've heard of "the dog ate my homework?" How about "the dog crashed my car?"

Officers Steven Forbragd was dispatched to investigate a collision where a woman crashed into a parked car. The woman claimed her dog jumped onto her lap, caused her to turn the steering wheel and drive into the parked vehicle. The dog was not cited but was sternly warned to sit in the back seat next time. The woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license and an assault warrant. [Sergeant Jeff Schaefer]

Whatever you do, don't make noise around these two.

Officer Tara Munjekovich took an assault report at a local nursing home. Apparently, one resident backhanded another for coughing too much. Tough crowd. The victim tried to hit back, but missed. He told the suspect he had a lot of nerve for hitting him since the suspect also made a lot of noise shuffling around. Anyway, they were moved to separate rooms to think about ways to quiet down. Cough syrup for one guy and socks for the other might be a good solution. [Sergeant Jeff Schaefer]

Like an Oiled Pig at the Fair

Officers responded to a S. Charleston Avenue address for an unwanted subject reported to be high on methamphetamine. Officers arrived and located the very high and uncooperative subject, wearing nothing but a pair of shorts and refusing to leave. Officers attempted to detain him, but his sweaty, greasy skin made it easy for him to pull free and run away. The subject ran all over the area, in nothing but a pair of shorts and no shoes, while officers converged on the area to bring the subject under control. At one point, Officer Chapman almost had the subject. However, in Officer Chapman's words, "it was like chasing after an oiled pig at the county fair." The subject was easily able to slip from the officer's grasp, causing Officer Chapman to fall in the mud. The subject was finally taken into custody when officers converged onto Marion Avenue. It took four officers to bring the subject under control. He was booked into the Kitsap County Jail. [Corporal Jason Vertefeuille]

It's the Little Things That Count

Officers Jared France and Jordan Kennedy contacted a young lady on a west-side sidewalk after a passerby reported seeing her crying. Though nothing apparently ended up being the matter and the girl was just waiting for the school bus, the officers decided to give the girl some company until the bus arrived. Going out of their way to spend a little extra time may have turned an awkward encounter with the police into a pleasant interaction by two caring officers that the girl may never forget. Nice job, guys! [Corporal Jake Switzer]

Other people's stuff?

Because they can't help but be over-achievers, Officers France and Kennedy went from that last touching incident to a report of drug activity in a car. After locating the vehicle, a passenger was detained for warrants and told Officer Kennedy he had a bunch of other people's stuff (a euphemism for stolen property) in his pockets, including debit cards, IDs, and a check. As if that wasn't enough, he also had meth in his pockets and paraphernalia in the car. The passenger said he felt bad for what he did and would never do it again, so the officers let him go with a warning...Just

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kidding! He went to jail for possession of meth and possession of stolen property.
[Corporal Jake Switzer]

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Making a right turn or taking a nap?

A woman was driving westbound on 8th Street at Warren Avenue. She turned the wheel to the right, came to a stop, and put the car in park. At that point, she passed out. Everyone who drove by figured she was just waiting to turn. A pedestrian noticed the car had not moved for at least an hour and went to check on it. She saw a woman passed out behind the wheel with a car seat in the back seat. She called the police. When police and the Fire Department arrived, they were unable to wake the female up by knocking on the windows. BFD broke the rear driver's side window to gain access to the vehicle. The driver's door was opened, and the female was still unresponsive. The vehicle was turned off and she was pulled from the car and laid out on the street for further medical treatment. They were able to wake her and determine she was intoxicated. She refused medical assistance, signed the form and stepped out of the ambulance where she was taken into custody for DUI. Her BAC was a .157. [Sergeant Tim Garrity]

Was it something I said?

Officer Brock Gorang was working on a stolen vehicle case when he located a car in east Bremerton. When he and Officer Tara Munjekovich approached the vehicle, they observed a male sleeping inside of it and called him out to detain him. This is when things got wild.

When the man was told he was being detained, he struggled to get away. The officers were able to take the suspect into custody. We soon learned why he was desperate to get away. He was a sex offender wanted for failing to register and was facing over 40 months in prison. While they were wrestling in the street, the suspect in the car theft came out to see what was going on. She was detained, but released after giving a statement. The car was returned to the owner's girlfriend and the sex offender went to jail. [Sergeant Jeff Schaefer]

At Least He's Honest

Officers responded to a call about a male using meth in the bathroom of a local restaurant. The staff told Officer Ross Guiney that the man was seen in the bathroom with his pants down just standing there and holding a meth pipe. When asked what he was doing, the man said, "Smoking meth." He came out of the bathroom and waited for the police to arrive. He admitted to having a pipe and handed it over to Officer Guiney. Officer Guiney asked the man if he had any meth on him. He replied, "I think I left it in the restroom." It was still on the toilet where he left it. He was arrested and taken to jail. [Corporal Mike Nelson]

If Only They Were All This Easy

A citizen saw a shady character break into her car early one morning. Funny thing is, the inside door handles are broken, and the prowler couldn't get out. So...she unintentionally detained herself until Sergeant Duke Roessel could get there to arrest her. [Sergeant Jeff Schaefer]

From the "I can't make this stuff up" department.

Tell me if you've heard this one: So, a guy in a neon green ninja turtle onesie walks into a house and asked the tenants if he can kill them. I wish this was a joke, but it's not. It's just another day in the life of a man we'll call D.K. Some teenaged girls got home from school and D.K. walked right into their house after them. He asked if he could kill them and one of the girls had the wherewithal to reply "Okay, but can we do it outside?" She followed D.K. to the door and when he walked outside, she shut the door on him and locked it. Well done, kid! D.K. was arrested for residential burglary and our hope is that Superior Court charges him, so he can get the help he needs.

[Sergeant Jeff Schaefer]

The greedy ones usually get caught.

Officer Brandon Greenhill stopped a vehicle for expired tabs and contacted the driver who said she didn't have her license. She verbally identified herself as Linda. Officer Greenhill did his very best to confirm the driver's identity but couldn't disprove the name he was given so he kicked her loose. Just before she drove off, the driver got a phone call from "Cassie." The ever-inquisitive Officer Greenhill asked "Linda" what Cassie's last name was. "Linda" provided the last name before driving off. Digging into the computer system, Officer Greenhill checked associated names and realized he had just been lied to. The driver wasn't Linda, it was her sister Destiny, whose driver's license was revoked. He attempted to contact Destiny, but only ran into smoke screens from her family members. He returned to the office to lick his wounds and bang out a report with PC to arrest. Later in the evening, Officer Paul Madison and Corporal Bryan Hall were on patrol and stopped a car for a traffic violation. Low and behold, it was Destiny's boyfriend and guess who was driving the car following him? Destiny! Her destiny was jail as she was arrested on Officer Greenhill's PC. She should have stayed home. [Sergeant Todd Byers]

Vacate Means Vacate

Warrant Officer Sipple served a Jackson Park woman with a protection order with a "must vacate" provision. She looked at the order, said it didn't make sense. She refused to heed it. Since she refused to vacate, she was now in violation of the Order with her protected kids inside the house. This emergent situation had to be resolved by her arrest. While the supervisor spoke to the woman through a kitchen window, Corporal Steve Polonsky and Warrant Officer Ian Sipple used a key provided by the husband to enter. The woman didn't agree with our decision to arrest her. The kids are safe and sound at home with dad.

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